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### MYSTERIOUS CHICAGO SUICIDE.

Young Lady at the Palmer House, About Whom Nothing Is Known.

CHICAGO, April 29.—Standing before a mirror in her room at the Palmer house, Winnie M. Wray, a beautiful young woman, pressed a revolver to her temple and sent a bullet crashing through her brain. Scraps of a torn letter found in the waste basket and put together said the writer "had wrecked too many lives already, and must cease."

This letter was addressed to A. N. Ohler, of Moline, Ill. Miss Wray came to the hotel last Friday. She carried a small hand grip. She gave the name "Miss L. Gray" to the clerk, who registered for her, and when asked for her address responded that Chicago would do as well as any. She handed him the check for her trunk and asked him to have it brought to her immediately.

The death was unaccompanied by a number of theatrical features, the young woman having taken every precaution to render impossible her identity. While she entered the hotel attired attractively and wearing a number of diamonds, nothing was found in her room but a coarse black wrapper which she wore when she killed herself.

Her diamonds were gone, only a single uncut stone being found on the dresser, where it had dropped from her purse. She left a note to the management of the hotel, directing them to take the money from her pocketbook to settle the hotel bill. She requested especially that no effort be made to find her relatives, as she did not wish them to know of her deed.

Later it was learned that she on Saturday had sent her trunk to Mr. Ohler, at Moline. He is the cashier of the American Express Company at that place. She also wrote to him the same day, telling of her intention to kill herself.

Ohler received the letter yesterday. He went to Davenport, a few miles distant, and called on the Palmer house by telephone, thinking he might prevent the suicide if he could communicate with Miss Wray. Unable to make the Palmer house clerk understand him, he gave up in despair. A few hours later he was told of her suicide.

It is supposed that the satchel carried by Miss Wray when she entered the hotel, with her rings and the dress she wore were packed in the trunk and shipped to Moline. Ohler says he had known Miss Wray for 10 years, but claims to know nothing of her antecedents. He says she came to Moline about two weeks ago and stopped at the Windsor hotel.

Where she came from he does not know, but she told him she had been traveling for the past two years in California, New Mexico and Arizona. Ohler is of the impression that the girl's parents live at Leesville, Ind., and he has heard her speak of a brother in Lincoln, Neb. Further than that he knows nothing of her history. Miss Wray was last seen alive Saturday evening by a waiter, who took her supper to her room.

No response to knocks at the door Saturday afternoon aroused the suspicion of the chambermaid. The hotel office was notified, and the private detective burst open the door and found the woman dead on the floor. A small pistol lay near her. There was a hole in her right temple, and it was evident she had been dead several hours.

On the linen and dresser were blood stains, showing she had stood before the mirror to take aim. Where the bullet had entered the skin was powdered.

In her purse, where she said she had

left money to pay her hotel expenses, were found the cards of several persons living in Los Angeles, Cal., Albuquerque, N. M., Williams, Ariz., and Cleveland, O.

The letter pieced together from the fragments in the waste basket reads as follows: "All my regret is of no use. You will be sad. I have tried to muster the nerve to live to fight on, but it fails me. I have wrecked too many lives already, and must cease. I cannot be happy with so many mistakes on my memory, nor can I forget them. The world has too many sad people now. I have no ambition, so end all. If I fail in my attempt today perhaps I shall forget, but I hope to be successful in ending all."

"It may be some one will write you regarding me, as I have to put an address on my trunk, but I will send it to the American Express Company, thereby avoiding embarrassment to you if possible. Will send an order for it and the key to you." The letter was signed Leona Graves.

CHICAGO, April 29.—A special to the Record from Lincoln, Neb., says: George B. Wray, of this city, brother of Winnie M. Wray, was unable to advance any explanation for his sister's suicide. She resided here with him until six months ago, when she went to Leesville, Ind., where her parents reside. While in Lincoln she did not appear despondent. Her brother supposed she was still with her parents until he was informed of her suicide in Chicago.

### COMMENT ON ROOT'S SPEECH.

German Diplomats Deny That Their Government Has Any Designs on South America.

NEW YORK, April 29.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Secretary Root's speech relative to the Monroe doctrine is likely to be productive of some diplomatic inquiries at the state department.

Herr Von Hellen, German ambassador, is in New York, and in his absence the under officials of the embassy are disinclined to talk for publication about the secretary's remarks. It is emphatically asserted at the embassy, however, that there is no intention on the part of Germany to forcibly enter the Western hemisphere. By the act of its representatives at The Hague, the German government recognized the Monroe doctrine, and it does not propose, according to the embassy officials, to violate it.

"Germany would prefer to keep her subjects at home," said one of the attaches. "This is impossible, however, and many have emigrated to South America and to Asia Minor, where they are peacefully developing the country. It has been frequently reported that German colonization in South America was dangerous to the United States, but you may be sure that Germany has no hostile intentions against this country, and that the emigration of Germans to South America is simply in pursuance of a peaceful business policy."

It is said that there are nearly a million Germans in the southern part of Brazil. A private letter received from an American source near where the German colonists are established, declares there is no truth in the report recently published that trouble was brewing between the Germans and natives.

Those close to Secretary Root say it is hardly possible that Germany in the present undeveloped state of her navy would like a crisis to be precipitated at this time. The secretary declined last

night to discuss his speech, and he refused to be seen tonight.

The navy department has been paying attention to the colonization of Southern Brazil by German subjects, and it is understood Rear-Admiral R. B. Bradford, chief of the bureau of equipment, has considered the advisability of recommending this government to enter into negotiations with Brazil to establish a coaling station at Santa Catalina.

### THE TURKISH CLAIMS.

It Is Believed They Have Been Largely Overestimated by the Claimants.

NEW YORK, April 29.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Though it is the purpose of the administration to continue pressing the sublime Porte to pay the American missionary claims pending against it, those acquainted with the character of the claims believe they greatly overestimate the value of the property destroyed.

The total loss which the missionaries at Harpoot say they sustained as a result of the outbreak at that point in 1895 amounted to \$7,385, of which \$41,700 represented the value of the buildings damaged; \$32,677 the personal losses of the missionaries, and \$11,908 the loss on stock and apparatus.

The Rev. C. H. Wheeler, apparently suffered the greatest loss. He estimates that \$9,619 will be required to properly reimburse him. Among his effects destroyed were notes and bonds which he valued at \$2,200, and the accrued interest is put at \$1500 more. Clothing and materials which he possessed, and which were damaged, he values at \$1343; furniture at \$1000; bedding at \$250; provisions, fuel and medicine, \$750, and boots and shoes \$35.

The Rev. C. F. Gates apparently were more expensive shoes than Mr. Wheeler, for he asserts that those he lost were worth \$72. Dr. Gates lost clothing valued at \$579; food valued at \$122; saddlery, \$146; horse, donkey and cows, \$188, and bedding, \$379. Miss F. C. Wheeler values the clothing she lost at \$1135, bedding at \$212, and photographs and pictures at \$500. Her boots and shoes were worth \$78.

In case Minister Straus should decide not to return to Turkey, it is likely that the name of former Minister Lew Wallace will be considered as his successor. General Wallace is now in Washington. He represented the United States in Turkey some years ago, and sustained the most friendly relations with the Sublime Porte.

### WHALING FLEET NEWS.

The Alice Knowles Only Vessel Meeting With Success So Far.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 30.—The first news of the whaling fleet which sailed from this port for Arctic waters early in December, has been received in a letter from Captain Scullen, of the bark Charles W. Morgan. So far the bark Alice Knowles has been the only one of the fleet which has had any success whatever. On March 31 she was anchored at Hakodate, after having taken 11 sperm whales, which netted 170 barrels of oil.

The letter reports that the crews and officers of all the vessels are in good health and that the fleet had a fair passage.

### GUILTY OF PERJURY.

A Man Gives False Testimony in a Vain Attempt to Save His Brother.

BUTTE, Mont., April 30.—James Calder pleaded guilty to perjury today at Fort Benton and was sent to prison for six years. The perjury was committed on the trial of his brother Wm. Calder, who was hanged for the murder of Kenneth McEae and James Allen. James Foster, another of the alleged murderers, was acquitted Saturday when James Calder retracted his former confession and swore his brother committed both murders.

### DR. LEONARD PRATT DEAD.

SAN JOSE, Cal., April 30.—Dr. Leonard Pratt, a pioneer of San Jose, is dead, aged 89 years. He leaves a widow and two children, Dr. Hartley Pratt, an eminent Chicago physician, and Mrs. Netty Lawrence, of Oakland, Cal.



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GREENWICH, Conn., April 30.—Miss Helen Ripley Benedict, daughter of E. C. Benedict, was married here today to Thomas Hastings, of New York. The ceremony was the most remarkable, in point of display, that has ever been recorded in New England. A special train brought over 1,000 guests from New York. The bride's gift from her father was a check for \$1,000,000.

### FOURTEENTH INFANTRY HOME.

After Two Years' Continuous Philippine Fighting the Regiment Is Now at the Presidio.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 30.—The first battalion of the Fourteenth United States Infantry, which has been in quarantine, has landed at the reservation wharf at the Presidio, after two years of almost continuous fighting in the Philippines. The battalion was escorted to its camp by almost the entire force of the post, under command of Major Rucker.

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### CALL FOR WARRANTS.

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H. C. THOMPSON, County Treasurer, Dated, Astoria, Oregon, this 22d day of April, 1900.

### ASTORIA & COLUMBIA RIVER R. R. COMPANY.

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### GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS.

Custom House, Astoria, Oregon; Collector's Office, April 28, 1900.

Supplies for Revenue Vessels.—Sealed proposals for supplying ship chandlery rations, and coal to vessels of the United States Revenue Cutter Service, regularly stationed, or temporarily, at Astoria, Oregon, and delivered on board said vessels at that place during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1901, will be received at this office until 2 o'clock p. m. of Saturday, May 12, 1900, at which time and place they will be publicly opened. The coal furnished to be anthracite or bituminous of best quality, uniform in character, to weigh 2,240 pounds to the ton; to be delivered on board the vessels at such times and in such quantities as may be required, at localities readily accessible to said vessels, and to be subject to inspection as to quality and weight. Bidders will name the prices both for steaming and stove coal, and also their facilities for furnishing the vessels with fresh water, and their charges therefor. Blank forms of proposals, with schedules showing articles of ship chandlery and component parts of rations, may be had upon application at this office. Proposals must be submitted in these forms. Separate bids will also be received the same time and place for lubricating and illuminating oils. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids, and no contract will be put in force until congress shall have made an appropriation for the purpose.

JOHN FOX, Collector.

### PROPOSALS FOR LIGHTING STREETS.

Notice is hereby given, that until 3 o'clock p. m. on Monday, the 7th day of May, 1900, the committee on streets and public ways of the common council of the City of Astoria will receive sealed proposals for lighting the streets of said city for one or more years, which said proposals will be reported to the said council for consideration on said 7th day of May, 1900. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and bids must be accompanied by a certified check, payable to the order of said committee, for one-fifth of the amount of the bid for lighting the streets for one year as a forfeit to the city of Astoria in case the bid should fail to enter into contract with the city in compliance with the name.

W. C. UTZINGER, J. C. COOK, LOUIS AGREN, Committee on Streets and Public Ways of the Common Council of the City of Astoria.

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